

OIA-85/78
29 September 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Geographic and Cartographic Research
SUBJECT : Appreciation and Commendation

Jim;

I want to thank you for loaning us [] for the past two months. As you probably know, we were caught short-handed when our support officer retired in July and were told we would not receive his replacement until October. Our personnel officer was left trying to do both her job as well as that of the support officer during this interim period.

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[] provided us a great deal of much needed assistance through this period, and she should be commended for her fine work. Her knowledge of logistics and travel were called on repeatedly, she helped expedite a variety of day-to-day personnel actions, and she contributed to several personnel surveys OIA was required to perform for NFAC.

[] displayed an excellent work attitude, and we found her capable of handling a wide variety of tasks. Her pleasant and outgoing personality helped her transition into this temporary assignment very quickly. It was a pleasure to have her working with us.

Again, thank you for helping our Office meet the many and growing demands in the personnel and administration areas, and please convey our appreciation to []

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Director
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Imagery Analysis

SUBJECT : OIA Contribution to OSR Military Production Projections

1. I know that your Office is continually making a major contribution to the intelligence production activities of the Office of Strategic Research, but I would particularly like to extend my appreciation for the work your analysts did in support of a recent Strategic Intelligence Monthly Review article on "Capital Construction at Key Soviet Defense Plants." Your analysis of these plants was high in quality, and was extremely helpful in providing us with a much better understanding of the growth of the aircraft, ship, missile and tank production facilities over the past 15 years. This information gave us a much better basis for predicting the likely course of Soviet defense programs over the next several years.

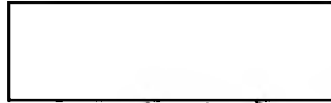
2. The development of better projections of Soviet defense programs clearly is needed by U.S. defense planners. This was recently emphasized to us by [] of DOD, and resulted in my recent memorandum to [] [] outlining a proposal for an NFAC multidisciplinary approach to the problem. Based on the work your analysts provided OSR on the initial study cited above, I expect OIA will be able to provide to the NFAC effort information which will be of significant value in arriving at more accurate and definitive projections.

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3. Again, many thanks to your people for their fine efforts.



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